

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Petersburg****Project Title:**

Petersburg - Commercial Passenger Vessel Berthing and Power Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$ 1,250,000**House District: 2 - A**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Project to design and implement mooring, berthing and power-service upgrades at the downtown docks.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$1,500,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$250,000	09				
Total	\$250,000					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Anticipated increases in the number and frequency of port calls in Petersburg by Commercial Passenger Vessels has made improvements to the berthing, mooring and energy capabilities essential. The project will improve the efficiency and quality of shore side support to the Cruise industry and enhance the experience of passengers.

Appropriation is \$1,250,000 of Cruise Ship Head-Tax funds for improvements to port infrastructure and cruise ship docks in Petersburg. As a coastal community, Petersburg experiences an in-flux of cruise ship and independent travelers during tourism season. The City of Petersburg has developed an improvement plan for the community's commercial docks.

The existing Port Dock Facility was constructed in 1984 and is in need of improvements to remain a viable commercial facility. Project will consist of installation of new floats to accommodate larger vessels, replacement of damaged timber pilings, and upgrading the pier's lighting to enhance security and safety. The project would also equip Petersburg's South Harbor float with electricity so smaller cruise vessels can have appropriate accommodations while in port. This funding will improve the city's marine infrastructure, leading to better access to the community to visitors and expanded opportunities for economic development in Petersburg.

Project Timeline:

Funding in FY09 will allow design and engineering to finish in time for the construction season next summer.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Petersburg

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

CITY OF PETERSBURG CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST

Project Name: Commercial Passenger Berthing and Power Upgrades
Project Location: Petersburg, Alaska
Legislative Districts: House District 2; Senate District A

Project Description: The existing Port Dock Facility was constructed in 1984. It is located approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile south of main street Petersburg. This is the primary mooring facility for tour ships or other large vessels usually from 170' to 425'. Tourism for Petersburg like in many other southeast towns is a vital part of the economy.

With the tourism industry has grown considerably in the last couple decades, the ships have overgrown the capacity of the facility. The face of the pier is 240' and is currently accommodating vessels that are too large for it. Installation of two dolphins, one on each end of the pier would assist in additional securing the ships and lessen damage to the pier.

The facility has considerable wear on the structure to where portions need to be replaced. Several precast concrete deck panels are damaged and deteriorated timber bull rails with handrails need replacing. Upgrading exterior lighting around pier would enhance security and safety of area.

There is alternate docking for the tour ships in Petersburg's South Harbor which consists of a 300' concrete float. This float is used as overflow at certain times when the Port Dock Facility cannot accommodate conflicting landings. This float does not have any electricity available for vessels. This project would equip the float with electricity so vessels can have appropriate accommodations while in port.

Funding Request: FY 2009 Capital Grant \$1,250,000

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,500,000

Number of Years to Complete Project: Two Years

Matching Funds Available: \$250,000
Excluding \$4,800,000 Value of Existing Facilities

Prior State Appropriations: None

Are Funds for this project in the Governor's Proposed Budget? No

**Responsible Party for On-Going
Maintenance & Operations:** City of Petersburg

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